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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8043**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 498

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 23, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 22, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Stoplights in School Zones.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to erect a stoplight in a school zone on a state highway if requested by the school district or law enforcement and the executive of the unit that contains the school. It provides that 50% of the cost of the stoplight must be paid by the school district. It allows a school corporation to use capital project fund money to pay the school corporation's share.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Department of Education reports that, as of the 1998-1999 school year, there were 1,943 public schools in the state. A search of school addresses reveals that there is a minimum of 74 schools located on a state highway. The INDOT estimates that the cost to erect a new traffic signal (stop light) ranges between \$50,000 and \$70,000. The bill provides that the INDOT is responsible for half of the cost and the school district is responsible for the other half. The fund affected is the State Highway Fund. The specific fiscal impact will depend upon the number of stoplights erected. [If all 74 schools located on a state highway were to request that a stoplight be erected, the total cost would be \$5,180,000. The exposure to the state, through INDOT, would be \$2,590,000.]

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill provides that the INDOT is responsible for half of the cost of a new traffic signal and the school district is responsible for the other half. The specific fiscal impact will depend upon the number of stoplights erected. [If all 74 schools located on a state highway were to request that a stoplight be erected, the total cost would be \$5,180,000. The exposure to the school corporations would be \$2,590,000. The fund affected is the individual school corporation's capital projects fund. Any additional expenditures would be initiated by the individual school corporation and subject to local action.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Transportation.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School districts which request a stoplight to be erected at a school located on a state highway.

**Information Sources:** INDOT estimates; Department of Education Facts and Statistics; SAS program.